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PAVEMENT IN NEW HAVEN

THE EARS of Bridgeport citizens would tingle, if they could hear the remarks made in neighboring communities, regarding the half million dollar contract let to the Warrenite monopoly without competition.

The people of other communities are busy with their own affairs. They have little time to bother with the internal methods of other cities. The comments amount to a mere passing notice, a smile, a jest and the subject is dismissed.

But the smile and the jest are directed less against the politicians who make the contract, and the contractors who have the benefit of it, than against the citizenship so lost to sense of civic responsibility that such affronts can be laid upon them.

The matter came up before a number of New Haven men, while the Democratic State convention was in session, yesterday. Among those present was a member of the paving commission of New Haven, who was amazed to know that in Connecticut paving contracts were awarded for such a material as Warrenite, in such a manner, quantity and price.

In New Haven for a two inch top dressing on old macadam, a dressing which the paving commission regards as superior to Warrenite, they paid last year 62 cents, and now, when prices are higher, 72 cents.

The statement that Bridgeport has been paying an average of \$1.52 for Warrenite streets, two inches on old macadam, for the completed work, brought out the information that the New Haven Commission lays an inch and a half of asphalt on an inch of binder over six inches of concrete for \$1.47 cents per square yard. The immense superiority of such a pavement is manifest.

The New Haven Commission requires open specifications, and to do otherwise would be regarded in New Haven as highly suspicious, if not positive evidence of contemplated dishonesty.

A NONSENSE ANTHOLOGY

AMONG THE leading nonsense anthologies which come to the Farmer desk, is the funny, and we hope unsubsidized publication called, "Concerning Municipal Ownership," which has recently added to its cover the side-splitting information that it is "a brief for public service commissions."

Its value as a smile stimulator to public service commissions may be deducted from the following mirthful statement:—"Capitalization per mile of line on any railroad is determined by the cost of land for right of way and terminals, whether the tracks be single or multiple and whether the country be mountainous or level."

We recommend to our smiling contemporary that it read the various proceedings of the Interstate Commerce Commission, relating to the New Haven, the Rock Island and other railroads, which have recently been in the limelight for various practices affecting capitalization, apparently unknown to our friend.

Is there no allowance for the purchase of watered trolleys, none for the cost of acquiring newspapers, and summer hotels? Are subsidies to politicians, directors and officers without effect on capitalization? Be serious, friend, be serious!

A GOOD VOTE

THE MASSACHUSETTS General Assembly has voted down a bill for a referendum, to see if the people of Massachusetts will purchase the trolley lines of the state at \$200,000,000. The price is ridiculously high, and there were no persons able to accept the price if it should have been voted by the people.

When the trolley lines of New England are taken over by the public, as they ultimately must be, it will not be at fancy prices for pieces of paper, but at the value of the property, under the principals by which property in land has been immemorably acquired by condemnation.

REPARATION FOR SUSSEX INCIDENT

GERMANY MAKES a clear statement of responsibility for the Sussex incident, has punished the commander of the submarine which sank the ship, and will indemnify for the injury inflicted upon Americans. One of the remarkable features of the submarine warfare is the frankness with which the German people have met the situation. The submarine is a secret weapon, the use of which can be denied, and ordinarily the responsibility can be placed with difficulty, if at all. In no case has Germany sought to disclaim the burden of action by her submarine fleet, except to reserve assertion until the appropriate reports are received.

REPAIRING WATER STREET

TO MAKE Water street into a first class highway it is but necessary to lay on top of the granite blocks an inch and a half of asphalt, or thereabouts, which can be done by honest administrators for less than 75 cents per square yard. The work that has been done in lower New York, on old granite pavements, in this way, is convincing evidence of the value of the method.

OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

THE DEMOCRATIC party should include in its platform a plank for the amendment of the workmen's compensation bill to include occupational diseases. It would be better if all the parties would adopt a similar plank. The matter is not one from which partisan advantage should be sought.

CRANE CO. VETERANS FORM ASSOCIATION

More than 150 employees of the Crane Co. plant, who have been with the company 25 years continuously, are forming a Veterans' association, with the approval of the company officials.

The Crane Co. will present each of the members with a gold service badge, and for every five years' service hereafter, they will receive gold

bars to attach to the badge.

The Chicago plant of the company has an association with 500 members. It is planning a celebration to be held May 15. One will be held here as soon as the association is organized.

The membership of the American Bankers' association is now 15,547, against 14,367 last year.

A charter was filed at Dover, Del., by the Huntington Development & Gas Co., capital \$5,000,000.

OPERETTA SYLVIA, PRESENTED AT PARK THEATRE, BRINGS OUT WEALTH OF VOCAL TALENT HERE

Production Given Under Auspices of Children of Mary of the Sacred Heart Church Scores Remarkable Success—Amateurs Show Qualities of Professionals.

It is seldom that amateurs give so unimpeachable a production as that of the delightful two act operetta, "Sylvia," held yesterday afternoon at the Park Theatre. The plot revolves under the auspices of the Children of Mary of Sacred Heart church. The opera was rather a big undertaking for a group of such young persons, but so admirably was it produced that it gave real pleasure to the audiences that witnessed both performances.

The beautiful opera, the setting for which was in a wood enclosed hayfield, breathes the sweet, simple life of the country. The plot revolves about a young noblewoman who is tired of her lover and wishes him a simple farmer lad, and an innocent country maiden who longs for a noble lover. The two meet, decide to exchange clothes and characters for a day and the various incidents of the opera are the result of their decision.

Many exquisite pastoral songs are interspersed throughout the opera, which were rendered surprisingly well by the young singers. The dances that accompanied each were especially well given.

Exceptionally pleasing was the "Mistress Daisy" song, by Betty and the chorus of "Farmers' Daughters," in which each young dancer wore a plain white dress caught with daisies and a wreath of the same flowers in her hair.

"The Farmer Is an Honest Man" brought forth a chorus of husky farm hands, carrying rakes and supporting long whisksers much to the delight of the audience.

The most popular selection was without doubt "I Am a Man of Consequence," sung by Prince Tobbytum and a chorus. Verses were added to this in honor of Dr. Moore, Father Judge, Father Mooney, Prof. N. J. Herman, Mayor Wilson and John T. King. The song was ended again, and again, each time calling forth a

new verse. Dr. Richard F. Moore, L.L.D., pastor of the church said today, that he was agreeably surprised at the amount of talent which the church had unconsciously been harboring, and that he so much pleased him that he was already planning to use some of it in the choir. He commented highly upon the work of Prof. N. J. Herman, organist, who directed the production and Miss Margaret V. Kieley who staged it.

Unstinted praise is due each of the characters who admirably filled their parts as follows: Daniel Donovan, "Sir Bertram DeLacey," Court Poet; Joseph Onkey, "Prince Tobbytum," a Man of Consequence; Joseph Miller, "William," An Honest Farmer; James Creagh, "Robin," A Country Lad; Miss Teresa O'Brien, "Sylvia," betrothed to DeLacey; Miss May Lege, "Betty," betrothed to William; Miss Katherine Lombard, "Arabella," A Lady in Waiting; Miss Genevieve Brown, "Araminta," her sister; Miss May Casserly, "Antoinette," Court Lady; Lucy Glancy, Julia DeLacey; Liela Walsh, "Polly, Molly and Dolly," Farmers' Daughters.

The girls of the chorus included the Misses Bannon, Boylan, Carrigan, Corbett, Cullen, Margaret Condon, Mary Condon, Elizabeth Connor, Frances Connor, Davidson, Elizabeth Dargan, Jennie Dargan, Donovan, Day, Doherty, Dacey, Elmore, Fallon, Halpin, Hassett, Hickey, Honan Kieley, Kelly, Holahan, Larkin, Lucey, Linehan, Long, Leahaney, McCarthy, Martin, Murphy, McCarthy, McMurray, MacGuire, O'Brien, Shanahan, Tobin, Rock, Whaley, Glancey.

The men's chorus was composed of the Messrs. Cook, Comerford, Condon, Creagh, Carrigan, Carroll, Cummings, Conroy, Donnelly, Dunn, Flanagan, Gacelo, Garrity, Honan, Kelly, Lynch, Newton, Nugent, O'Connell, Solan, Tremallo, Sheehan, Torpay, Walsh.

FAIRBANKS 64 TODAY

Charles Warren Fairbanks, former vice president of the United States, was born on a farm near Unionville Center, O., sixty-four years ago today. The Hoosier statesman has many friends who believe that he would make an excellent standard-bearer for the Republicans in the coming campaign, but the boom launched by him has aroused little enthusiasm outside of Indiana. Mr. Fairbanks has the reputation of being a somewhat cold and frosty personage, but this misconception is due to the fact that, as the attorney general of the United States, he was brought into odious comparison with the best "mixer" among modern statesmen.

The former vice president is a descendant, eight generations removed, of Jonathan Fairbanks, who founded the town of Dedham, Mass., nearly 3 centuries ago. His English ancestors were sturdy yeomen, and some of them had been followers of Cromwell. The father of Mr. Fairbanks was a native of Vermont, but as a young man he plunged into the western wilderness and settled on a farm in Ohio. The future vice president was reared on this farm and educated in the country schools and at Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he graduated at the age of twenty. He was the editor of the college paper, and his associate editor was Miss Cornelia Cole, a student of the woman's college. A romance developed from this journalistic association, and in 1874, shortly after Mr. Fairbanks was admitted to the Ohio bar, Miss Cole became Mrs. Fairbanks. While studying law Mr. Fairbanks had worked as a reporter for the Associated Press in Pittsburgh and Cleveland, but he abandoned journalism to enter the legal profession. Soon after his marriage he decided to open a law office in Indianapolis, and he was successful from the start. Hoosier litigants took kindly to him, and in the course of a few years he had built up a flourishing practice. He did not become active in politics until 1888, when he managed Judge Gresham's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. He was one of the pioneer McKinley men. In 1897 he entered the United States Senate and held his seat there until elected vice president in 1904.

MERGENTHALER

The first successful type-setting machine was the invention of Ottmar Mergenthaler, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, sixty-two years ago today, May 10, 1854. Mergenthaler came to America in 1872 and received a government position in Washington, his duty being to care for the mechanism of bells, clocks, and telegraph service. In 1876 he found employment with a mechanical engineering firm in Baltimore, and while still engaged, with that company he began the experiments which resulted in the invention of the type-setting machine called the Mergenthaler Linotype. The Thorne, Empire, Rogers, Calendoli, Cox, Heath, McMillan and other American and European type-setting machines were rivals of the Mergenthaler Linotype, but most of them presented difficulties in the way of distribution of type which rendered their use impracticable. Mergenthaler overcame this difficulty by casting the type faces in the form of slugs, which were to be melted and the metal used again. Many improvements have been made in the Linotype, and this machine and the Linotype monotype are now used in printing offices all over the world. Mergenthaler died in 1899 without having reaped any considerable reward for his invention which revolutionized the printing industry.

LORD WIMBORNE

Ivor Churchill Guest, second Baron Wimborne and first Baron Ashby St. Ledger, who, as Lieutenant of Ireland, has come in for so much criticism because of the rebellion, is forty-two years old. He was born in 1873, the eldest son of the late Lord Wimborne, and was educated at Eton and Cambridge. His first appearance in

public life was in 1898, when he contested Plymouth for a seat in the House of Commons, but was defeated. He was captain of Dorsetshire Yeomanry Cavalry at the outbreak of the Boer war. He served with distinction in South Africa, winning the Queen's medal and upon his return to England was elected to Parliament from Plymouth, as a Liberal. He represented that district until 1906, when he was returned from the Cardiff district. In 1910 he was made paymaster-general and was created Baron Ashby St. Ledger, by which title he was known until he succeeded to that of his father, Baron Wimborne. The latter was the son of Sir Josiah John Guest, a baronet, and married a daughter of the seventh Duke of Devonshire. He was created Baron Wimborne in 1889. The present Lord Wimborne is a man of great wealth, having inherited from his father an estate of \$3,600 acres, including Wimborne House in London and Canford Manor, in Dorsetshire. He married in 1902 the beautiful Hon. Alice Sibell Grosvenor, a daughter of the second Lord Ebury. Lord Wimborne has an international reputation as a polo player, and he was the principal backer of the British polo team which visited America two years ago. The Irish rebels planned to take Lord Wimborne a prisoner, but in this project the plot miscarried.

EXPECT ADJUSTMENT OF BRASS CO. STRIKE

The score of strikers of the Bridgeport Brass Co.'s union branch conferred with William R. Webster, Jr., vice president of the company, this afternoon in the effort to settle the disagreement. The men want the eight hour day with the same pay they had been receiving for 10 hours. A speedy adjustment of the difficulty is expected as the men assert, they were supposed to have been working on the eight hour basis. They met this morning and appointed a committee for the conference.

The 28th annual convention of the Missouri Bankers' association will be held at St. Louis on May 24.

Maine Central railroad declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share on the preferred stock.



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STATE UNIVERSALISTS MEET.

Stamford, Conn., May 11.—Election of officers, reception of committee reports and transaction of business pertaining to the work of the denomination in its various activities occupied the attention of the delegates today to the 84th annual session of the Connecticut Universalist convention.

FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION.

The Forty Hours' Devotion will open at St. Patrick's church Sunday with most impressive services at the 10:30 o'clock mass. Confessions will be heard Sunday and Monday afternoons and evenings by visiting clergymen. The devotion will close Tuesday morning with a high mass.

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